

# OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTAL BODIES

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This section includes miscellaneous boards, commissions, committees, councils, authorities and quasi-governmental bodies and bodies with members from more than one branch of state government. None of these entities are full-fledged state agencies, but they have a degree of independence that keeps them from being classified within any department or agency. All statutory references in this section indicate the location in the Revised Statutes of Nebraska where each governmental body was created, unless otherwise indicated.

## State Anatomical Board

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**Statutory Reference:** 71-1001

The State Anatomical Board acquires, prepares, stores and disburses human cadavers to Nebraska schools of medicine, dentistry and allied health.

The seven-member board includes the following members:

- the anatomy department chairpersons of Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) or their designees
- anatomy professors appointed by the anatomy department chairpersons of Creighton University and UNMC
- anatomy professors appointed from the Creighton University and University of Nebraska dental colleges
- a member of the public appointed by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure

Member	Position
Vimla Band, Omaha .....	Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Diane Cullen, Omaha .....	Department of Biomedical Sciences, Creighton University School of Medicine
Stan Harn, Lincoln .....	College of Dentistry, University of Nebraska
Margaret Jergenson, Omaha .....	School of Dentistry, Creighton University
Carol Lomneth, Omaha .....	Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Nancy Phillips, Omaha .....	Member of Public
Deniz Yilmazer-Hanke, Omaha .....	Department of Biomedical Sciences, Creighton University School of Medicine

Nebraska Aquaculture Board

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-5003

The Nebraska Aquaculture Board was created to increase stocks of fish and other aquatic life in the state. The board works to encourage the practice of aquaculture in order to promote agricultural diversity, augment food supplies, expand employment opportunities and promote economic activity.

The board consists of one employee of the Game and Parks Commission who is familiar with aquatic disease, appointed by the secretary of the commission, and one employee of the Department of Agriculture appointed by the director. The governor appoints three aquaculturists and a representative of an industry or product which is related to or used in aquaculture. Members serve three-year terms, except for the initial aquaculturist members of the board, whose appointments are staggered so that one member is appointed for a one-year term, one for a two-year term and one for a three-year term, as determined by the governor.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Ronald Bright, Bridgeport.....	Aquaculturist.....	July 1, 2017
Brian Hahle, McCook.....	Aquaculturist.....	July 1, 2016
Rich Lackaff, Bassett.....	Aquaculturist.....	July 1, 2015
Steve Martin, Lincoln.....	Department of Agriculture.....	July 1, 2017
William Murray, Broadwater.....	Aquaculturist.....	July 1, 2017
Dean Rosenthal, Lincoln.....	Game and Parks Commission.....	July 1, 2017

Board of State Canvassers

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**Statutory Reference:** 32-1037

The Board of State Canvassers certifies the votes of certain offices and issues cast at each statewide primary and general election and orders recounts if necessary. The board canvasses the votes for president; U.S. Senate; U.S. House of Representatives; state constitutional officers; Nebraska Legislature; Public Service Commission; University of Nebraska Board of Regents; State Board of Education; public power district boards; community college boards; natural resources district boards; reclamation district boards; educational service unit boards; learning community coordinating councils; retention of judges; constitutional amendments; and initiatives and referendums.

The board consists of the governor, secretary of state, auditor of public accounts, state treasurer and attorney general. The board meets on the fourth Monday after each statewide primary and general election. The present canvassing system was established by legislation in 1955.

Member	Position
Douglas J. Peterson, Lincoln.....	Attorney General
Charlie Janssen, Fremont.....	Auditor of Public Accounts
John A. Gale, Lincoln.....	Secretary of State
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha.....	Governor
Don Stenberg, Lincoln.....	Treasurer

## Nebraska Capitol Commission

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-1108.32

The Nebraska Capitol Commission advises and votes on recommendations from the Office of the Capitol Commission regarding the following:

- policies and guidelines for the proper conservation, restoration, enhancement and interpretation of the State Capitol and its furnishings and grounds
- policies and guidelines for the use of the Capitol's preservation and adaptive-use spaces, including adoption of a document of standards
- facilities planning, construction, administration and documentation
- maintenance of the State Capitol and grounds
- participation with the Capitol Environs Commission on related projects

The 1949 Legislature changed the original Capitol Commission to the State Building Commission. The Building Commission membership was altered by the 1965 Legislature and again in 1974 when the Legislature designated the body as advisory. The 2004 Legislature changed the name back to the Capitol Commission and altered the membership to include representation from the legislative and judicial branches. The governor chairs the commission. Other ex officio members include the speaker of the Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court, the dean of the College of Architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the director of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Three other Nebraska residents are appointed by the governor, representing each of the three congressional districts. The appointed members serve staggered three-year terms. The commission meets quarterly.

The capitol administrator serves the commission as a nonvoting secretary.

Members	Position	Term Expires
Jim Cudaback, Riverdale.....	3rd Congressional District.....	April 15, 2011
Stanley Meradith, Omaha.....	2nd Congressional District.....	April 15, 2013
Bryce P. Neidig, Madison.....	1st Congressional District.....	April 15, 2012
Sen. Galen Hadley, Kearney.....	Speaker of the Legislature.....	Nonexpiring
Michael Heavican, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Supreme Court Chief Justice.....	Nonexpiring
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha (Chair).....	Governor.....	Nonexpiring
Michael Smith, Lincoln.....	Nebraska State Historical Society.....	Nonexpiring
Kim Wilson, Lincoln.....	College of Architecture Dean.....	Nonexpiring

Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission

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**Statutory Reference:** 90-306

The Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission is a joint City of Lincoln and State of Nebraska body that protects the setting of the Nebraska State Capitol. The commission also creates design standards for architectural and urban design changes and oversees improvements within the Capitol Environs District. The commission meets monthly.

Two commission members are appointed by the governor, and five are appointed by the mayor and city council of Lincoln. Members serve three-year terms. Ex officio members include the following officials or their designees: the city of Lincoln planning director, the city of Lincoln parks and recreation director, and the director of the state Department of Administrative Services.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Christie Dionisopoulos, Lincoln.....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2015
John Kay, Lincoln .....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2016
Tom Laging, Lincoln .....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2016
Karen Nalow, Lincoln .....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2017
Jeffrey N. Searcy, Lincoln.....	Governor's Appointee .....	Apr. 15, 2016
Cecil Steward, Lincoln.....	Mayor's Appointee.....	Jan. 9, 2015
Jon Weinberg, Lincoln.....	Governor's Appointee .....	April 15, 2017
Lynn Johnson, Lincoln.....	Lincoln Parks and Recreation .....	Ex Officio
Marvin Krout, Lincoln.....	Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department.....	Ex Officio
Robert C. Ripley, Lincoln.....	State of Nebraska.....	Ex Officio

Child Support Advisory Commission

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**Statutory Reference:** 43-3342.05

The duties of the Child Support Advisory Commission include reviewing the child support guidelines adopted by the Nebraska Supreme Court and recommending changes, if appropriate. The commission presents reports of its activities and recommendations to the Supreme Court and the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The Supreme Court reviews the commission's report and may amend the child support guidelines based upon the commission's recommendations.

The Executive Board of the Legislative Council manages and administers the commission. Members include two district court judges whose jurisdiction includes domestic relations; one member of the Nebraska Bar Association who practices primarily in the area of domestic relations; one county attorney who works in child support; one professional who works in the field of economics, mathematics or another field of expertise relevant to child support; one custodial parent who has a court order to receive child

support; one noncustodial parent who is under a support order to pay child support; the chairperson of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee, who serves as chairperson of the commission; and the chairperson of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. The state treasurer, the state court administrator and the director of the Title IV-D division or their designees serve as ex officio members.

Every four years the Supreme Court notifies the Executive Board of its intent to review the child support guidelines pursuant to state law. The Supreme Court and the Executive Board then make appointments to fill the commission's membership. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

## Nebraska Children's Commission

**Contact Person:** Kim B. Hawekotte, Executive Director, Nebraska Foster Care Review Office, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 401, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 430-6599, website — [www.childrens.nebraska.gov](http://www.childrens.nebraska.gov)

**Statutory Reference:** 43-4202

The Nebraska Children's Commission was created by the 2012 Legislature with the passage of LB821. The commission was created to develop a statewide strategic plan to reform Nebraska's child welfare system and to review the Department of Health and Human Services' operations regarding child welfare programs and services.

The commission also oversees committees created by the same legislation to examine state policy regarding prescription of psychotropic drugs to state wards and to examine the structure and responsibilities of the Office of Juvenile Services. The commission may create additional committees as it deems necessary.

In 2013, the Legislature passed LB269, which moved the commission for administrative purposes from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to the Foster Care Review Office. LB269 also added three new members to the commission.

Seventeen members of the commission, who are appointed by the governor, represent a variety of private sector stakeholders in the child welfare system. The commission also includes the director of the Foster Care Review Office and nonvoting, ex officio representatives from all three branches of government.

The committee meets at least once every three months and will terminate in June 2016, unless continued by the Legislature. Members are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Pam Allen, Aurora.....	Foster Parent.....	June 30, 2016
Teresa Anderson, Hastings.....	Central Service Area.....	June 30, 2016
Karen Authier, Omaha.....	Child Welfare Service Agency.....	June 30, 2016
Beth Baxter, Kearney.....	Regional Administrator.....	June 30, 2016
Holly Brandt, Scottsbluff.....	Western Service Area.....	June 30, 2016
Jennifer Clark, Omaha.....	Juvenile Court Prosecutor.....	June 30, 2016
Candy Kennedy-Goergen, Upland.....	Biological Parent.....	June 30, 2016
Gene Klein, Omaha.....	Child Advocacy Center Director.....	June 30, 2016
Norman Langemach, Lincoln.....	Guardian Ad Litem.....	June 30, 2016
Andrea Miller, Bayard.....	Federally Recognized Indian Tribe.....	June 30, 2016
David Newell, Omaha.....	Eastern Service Area.....	June 30, 2016
Debra O'Brien, Lincoln.....	Local Board.....	June 30, 2016

Mary Jo Pankoke, Lincoln.....	Child Advocacy Organization .....	June 30, 2016
Dale Shotkoski, Fremont.....	Northern Service Area.....	June 30, 2016
Susan Staab, Lincoln.....	Southeast Service Area .....	June 30, 2016
Diana Tedrow, Bennington.....	Former State Ward .....	June 30, 2016
Vacant .....	CASA Volunteer .....	June 30, 2016
Joseph Acierno, Lincoln.....	Department of Health and Human Services .....	Ex Officio
Ellen Brokofsky, Lincoln .....	State Court Administrator Designee .....	Ex Officio
Sen. Kathy Campbell, Lincoln .....	Health and Human Services Committee .....	Ex Officio
Sen. Colby Coash, Lincoln.....	Judiciary Committee.....	Ex Officio
Tom Green, Lincoln.....	Acting Director Children and Family Services.....	Ex Officio
Kim Hawekotte, Omaha.....	Director, Foster Care Review Office .....	Ex Officio
Sen. Heath Mello, Omaha.....	Appropriations Committee.....	Ex Officio
Linda Porter, Lincoln.....	State Court Administrator Designee .....	Ex Officio
Julie Rogers, Lincoln.....	Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare .....	Ex Officio
Vicky Weisz, Lincoln .....	State Court Administrator Designee .....	Ex Officio

State Claims Board

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,220

The State Claims Board conducts public hearings periodically to hear and decide tort, miscellaneous and contract claims filed against any state agency. Tort claims against the state must be filed with the board prior to filing in state district court. The board is part of the state Risk Management Program.<sup>1</sup>

Members are the director of insurance, the director of administrative services and the commissioner of labor. By law, the attorney general is the board’s legal advisor.

Member	Position
John Albin, Lincoln .....	Commissioner of Labor
Larry Bare, Lincoln.....	Acting Director of Administrative Services
Bruce Range, Omaha .....	Director of Insurance

Climate Assessment Response Committee

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-4901

The 1992 Legislature created the Climate Assessment Response Committee to:

- collect and analyze data about drought and other severe climate occurrences and disseminate information to the governor and others
- answer questions and provide advice about requests for federal disaster declarations and the use of funds or other assistance that become available because of a declaration

<sup>1</sup> For more information about the Risk Management and State Claims Division in the state Department of Administrative Services, see Page 447.

- establish criteria for the startup and shutdown of assessment and response activities by state and federal agencies during droughts and other climate-related emergencies
- define the responsibilities of all agencies during droughts and climate-related emergencies, and maintain an inventory of those responsibilities
- work to improve the methods of assessing the effects of drought on agriculture and industry

The committee is composed of representatives appointed by the governor, with legislative approval, from livestock producers, crop producers, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and the Conservation and Survey Division and Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska. Ex officio members are the director of the state Department of Agriculture or his or her designee, the chief executive officer of the state Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee and the director of the state Department of Natural Resources or his or her designee. Chairpersons of the Legislature's Agriculture and Natural Resources committees are nonvoting, ex officio members of the committee. The governor may appoint a member of the Governor's Policy Research Office. Representatives from the federal Consolidated Farm Service Agency or any other federal or state agency also may serve on the committee at the invitation of the governor.

The committee meets twice annually, but it may convene at the call of the chairperson, on request of a majority of members, or during periods of drought or other severe weather situations. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents
Jeremiah Blake, Lincoln.....	Governor's Policy Research Office
Barb Cooksley, Anselmo.....	Livestock Producer
Jack Daniel, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Health and Human Services
Merwin Fricke, Ayr.....	Crop Producer
Michael Hayes, Lincoln.....	National Drought Mitigation Center
Chuck Hibberd, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension
Sen. Jerry Johnson, Wahoo.....	Chairperson, Agriculture Committee
Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Department of Agriculture
Mark Kuzila, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln School of Natural Resources
Sen. Ken Schilz, Ogallala.....	Chairperson, Natural Resources Committee
Jim Schneider, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Bryan Tuma, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

## Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee

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**Statutory Reference:** 85-1539

The Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Committee oversees state funds appropriated by the Legislature to the Nebraska Community College Student Performance and Occupational Education Grant Fund. The fund provides grants to community colleges for applied technology and oc-

cupational faculty training, instructional equipment upgrades, employee assessment, pre-employment training, employment training and dislocated worker programs benefiting the State of Nebraska. Grants also are available for programs or activities to enhance student performance in degree, certificate or diploma completion, retention or foundations education or the collection, reporting, analysis and utilization of student data.

The seven-member committee consists of one representative each from the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Department of Economic Development, Department of Labor and Department of Education, as well as three representatives from the community college areas appointed to two-year terms.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
John Blaylock, Norfolk.....	Northeast Community College.....	2015
Bill Owen, Omaha .....	Metropolitan Community College .....	2015
Jody Tomanek, North Platte .....	Mid-Plains Community College .....	2015
Dan J. Curran, Lincoln .....	Department of Economic Development.....	Nonexpiring
Donna Hoffman, Lincoln.....	Department of Education .....	Nonexpiring
Joan Omdrell, Lincoln.....	Department of Labor .....	Nonexpiring
Gary Timm, Lincoln.....	Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education .....	Nonexpiring

**Board of Examiners for County Highway  
and City Street Superintendents**

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**Statutory Reference:** 39-2304

The Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents tests and licenses local officials, or their agents charged with overseeing the construction, maintenance and operation of county roads and municipal streets. Registered professional engineers are licensed by equivalency for the Class B entry level license; all other applicants for the Class B license must pass an examination, which is administered twice yearly. Experienced licensees may apply for a Class A license which requires professional development hours for renewal. Licensing promotes competency in local planning and administration as part of a policy enacted in 1969 to provide efficient management, operation and control of an integrated system of state and local highways, roads and streets.

The board’s seven members serve four-year terms and are appointed by the Governor. All must be licensed county highway or city street superintendents. Four members represent counties of various populations. Three represent municipalities of various populations, one from each congressional district. The Department of Roads’ Liaison Services Section provides administrative support.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Kent H. Anderson, Paxton.....	Class 1 County.....	Oct. 27, 2017
Russell L. Daehling, Staplehurst .....	Class 4 County.....	Oct. 27, 2015



David A. Goedeken, Omaha.....	First Class City, District 1 .....	Oct. 27, 2017
James. K. McDonald, David City .....	Second Class City, District 3 .....	Oct. 27, 2011
Thomas F. McDonald, Bennington.....	Class 7 County.....	Oct. 27, 2017
Scott D. McIntyre, Omaha.....	Metropolitan Class City, District 2.....	Oct. 27, 2017
Timothy Ryan, Keystone.....	Class 2 County.....	Oct. 27, 2015

## Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board

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**Statutory Reference:** 77-27,156

The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board was created in 1984 to act as an advisory body to the governor and the Legislature for state general fund revenue projections. The board develops a consensus projection of the state's economic activity as it relates to the general fund revenue derived for existing state tax rates.

The board consists of nine members. Five are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The other four members are appointed by the governor and serve at the governor's pleasure. Members must demonstrate expertise in tax policy, economics or economic forecasting. Appointees serve four-year terms.

The board meets in February, April and October in odd-numbered years and in February and October in even-numbered years. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Appointed By	Term Expires
Leslie Andersen, Bennington .....	Governor.....	Sept. 26, 2018
Gerald A. Conway, Wayne .....	Legislative Council.....	Sept. 26, 2016
Jerome A. Deichert, Omaha.....	Governor.....	Sept. 26, 2018
Steven L. Ferris, Lincoln.....	Governor.....	Sept. 26, 2018
Thomas Henning, Kearney.....	Governor.....	Sept. 26, 2018
Fred Lockwood, Scottsbluff .....	Legislative Council.....	Sept. 26, 2016
Richard McGinnis, Lexington.....	Legislative Council.....	Sept. 26, 2016
David A. Ochsner, Geneva.....	Legislative Council.....	Sept. 26, 2016
Tonn M. Ostergard, Crete .....	Legislative Council.....	Sept. 26, 2016

## Nebraska Educational, Health and Social Services

### Finance Authority

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**Statutory Reference:** 58-801

The Nebraska Educational, Health and Social Services Finance Authority helps Nebraska's not-for-profit colleges, universities, healthcare facilities and social service agencies build, finance and refinance capital improvement projects by issuing tax-exempt

bonds on their behalf. Bond indebtedness is solely a liability of the not-for-profit entity and not an obligation of the authority. The authority also finances cash flow needs based on anticipated tuition revenues. The authority has statutory authorization to issue bonds to fund educational assistance loan programs, but no such bonds have been issued to date.

The authority has seven members, appointed by the governor to four-year terms. At least one member must have knowledge and experience in public accounting, one member must have knowledge in educational building construction, one member must be an officer of a Nebraska private college or university, one member must have knowledge and experience in the field of finance, one member must have knowledge and experience in the field of health care and one member must have knowledge and experience in the field of social service agencies. No more than four members may belong to the same political party. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Lowell Berg, Lincoln (D) <sup>2</sup>	Construction	Dec. 31, 2013
Jane Erdenberger, Omaha (D)	Education	Dec. 31, 2015
Paul Powers, Hastings (R)	Public Accounting	Dec. 31, 2013
Rick Spalding, Fremont (R)	Finance	Dec. 31, 2016
Maryanne Stevens, Omaha (D)	College Officer	Dec. 31, 2014
Cori Vokoun, Lincoln (R)	Construction	Dec. 31, 2016
James Watts, Lincoln (R)	Public Accounting	Dec. 31, 2015

# Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority

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**Statutory Reference:** 79-1810

The 1997 Legislature created the Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority to help private elementary and secondary schools in the constructing, financing and refinancing of projects involving educational facilities. The authority may issue and refund bonds and may make loans to schools to finance the cost of projects.

The authority has five members appointed by the governor to four-year terms. No more than three members can be from the same political party. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Term Expires
Barry Ballou, Hastings (D) <sup>2</sup>	Dec. 31, 2016
Michael F. Masek, Omaha (R)	Dec. 31, 2014
Thomas J. Purcell III, Omaha (D)	Dec. 31, 2016
Doris Robertson, Lincoln (R)	Dec. 31, 2014
James J. Tichota, Omaha (R)	Dec. 31, 2014

<sup>2</sup> Political party affiliation: D=Democrat; R=Republican; I=Independent.

## Environmental Trust Board

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-15,167

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Act of 1992 authorized a portion of proceeds from the state lottery to be placed in a fund “for the purpose of conserving, enhancing and restoring the natural, physical and biological environment of the state.” After voters approved the lottery in November 1992, legislation governing the lottery and distribution of proceeds was re-enacted in 1993 under LB138.

Forty-four and one-half percent of lottery proceeds are put into the Environmental Trust Fund after prizes and operating expenses are paid for and the first \$500,000 of proceeds are paid to the Compulsive Gamblers’ Assistance Fund.

The 14-member Environmental Trust Board manages the Environmental Trust Fund and carries out the goals of the trust. The board leverages private funds to support short- and long-term environmental goals and provides funding for proposals according to the priorities of habitat, surface and groundwater, recycling and waste management, air quality and soil management.

The re-enacting legislation specified that land easements obtained through the trust fund may be acquired only on a willing-seller basis.

Board membership includes nine members of the public appointed by the governor, with legislative approval, to six-year terms. Other members include the directors of the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure and Game and Parks Commission. Three appointees are chosen from each congressional district. Each citizen member must have demonstrated experience and interest in the state’s environment, and at least two citizen members must have experience in private financing of public-purpose projects. The Game and Parks Commission provides administrative support to the board through contract.

The board meets at least four times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Barbara Batie, Lexington.....	District 3 .....	March 10, 2015
Henry “Rick” Brandt, Lincoln.....	District 1 .....	March 10, 2019
Rodney Christen, Steinauer .....	District 1 .....	March 10, 2015
Paul Dunn, Omaha .....	District 2, Finance Experience .....	March 10, 2017
Gloria Erickson, Holdrege .....	District 3 .....	March 10, 2017
Robert Krohn, Omaha .....	District 2, Finance Experience .....	March 10, 2015
Gerry Lauritzen, Omaha.....	District 2, Finance Experience .....	March 10, 2019
Kevin Peterson, Osceola.....	District 1, Finance Experience .....	March 10, 2017
Sherry Vinton, Whitman.....	District 3 .....	March 10, 2019
Joseph Acierno, Omaha.....	Department of HHS.....	Nonexpiring
Jim Douglas, Lincoln.....	Director, Game and Parks Commission.....	Nonexpiring
Jim Schneider, Lincoln .....	Acting Director, Department of Natural Resources.....	Nonexpiring

Greg Ibach, Lincoln.....	Director, Department of Agriculture .....	Nonexpiring
Pat Rice, Lincoln .....	Acting Director, Department of Environmental Quality.....	Nonexpiring

Nebraska State Fair Board

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**Statutory Reference:** 2-101

A law passed by the 2002 Legislature created the Nebraska State Fair Board to manage the state fair, a duty previously performed by the State Board of Agriculture. The new board also promotes training and competition for youth interested in agriculture, horticulture, science, industry, mechanics, arts and skilled crafts.

Nebraska City hosted the first state fair in 1859 and two others in 1868 and 1869. An 1879 act made the state fair an annual event and prescribed the State Board of Agriculture’s duties. In 2008, the Legislature passed LB1116, moving the state fair to Grand Island.

The board’s annual meeting is held in Grand Island during odd-numbered years and in a location of the board’s choice during even-numbered years. The board’s 13 members consist of:

- seven members elected by county fair districts
- four members appointed by the governor, with three representing the three congressional districts and one representing the Grand Island business community
- two ex officio members: the executive director of the Nebraska Future Farmers of America and the state 4-H program administrator of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Terms for the seven members representing county fair districts are staggered so that elections are held annually.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Doug Brand, Seward.....	District 1.....	January 2015
Mark Fahleson, Lincoln .....	Business Community, Lincoln.....	December 2016
Chris Kircher, Omaha .....	Business Community, Omaha .....	December 2015
Jana Kruger, Arlington.....	District 2.....	January 2016
Ed Kruse, Kimball.....	District 6.....	January 2016
Dan Kunne­mann, Imperial.....	District 4.....	January 2015
William Marshall III, Grand Island.....	Business Community, Grand Island.....	December 2017
Lowell Minert, Dunning .....	Business Community, At Large.....	December 2015
Chuck Rolf, Albion.....	District 3.....	January 2015
Marvin Rousey, North Platte.....	District 5.....	January 2017
Kirk Shane, Atkinson .....	District 7.....	January 2017
Kathleen Lodl, Lincoln .....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln .....	Ex Officio
Kent Zeller, Ravenna.....	FFA.....	Ex Officio

## Geographic Information Systems Council

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### Statutory Reference: 86-570

The Geographic Information Systems Council is an advisory committee to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) and makes recommendations to the NITC and the Legislature for standards, program initiatives and funding. The committee also establishes guidelines and policies for statewide Geographic Information Systems operation and management to include: databases, hardware and software, setting of standards, education, and general coordination of GIS development.

The committee represents interests between state agencies and among state, local and federal government agencies. The committee is affiliated with national coordination efforts through the Federal Geographic Data Committee and the National States Geographic Information Council. The committee's interagency and intergovernmental coordination efforts focus on facilitating data sharing, coordinating joint database development, and developing GIS enterprise services, data standards and education.

Committee members include specified state officials or their designees, governor-appointed representatives of specified public sector entities and representatives of other public sector entities nominated by the NITC and appointed by the governor. The governor-appointed members serve three-year terms. They are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses. The committee meets at least four times a year.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Lash L. Chaffin, Lincoln.....	League of Nebraska Municipalities.....	Sept. 9, 2015
Tim Cielocha, Columbus.....	Public Power Agencies.....	Sept. 9, 2016
Eric Herbert, Ft. Calhoun.....	Nebraska Association of County Officials.....	Sept. 9, 2015
Brittney King, Fremont.....	Nebraska Association of County Officials.....	Sept. 9, 2017
James Langtry, Lincoln.....	Federal Agencies.....	Sept. 9, 2017
Pat Larson, Grand Island.....	Member At Large.....	Sept. 9, 2017
Jeff McReynolds, Lincoln.....	Lincoln Area.....	Sept. 9, 2016
John Miyoshi, Wahoo.....	Natural Resources Districts.....	Sept. 9, 2015
Mike Preston, Omaha.....	Geospatial Professional Organization.....	Sept. 9, 2016
Michael Schonlau, Omaha.....	Member At Large.....	Sept. 9, 2017
Todd Whitfield, Omaha.....	Member At Large.....	Sept. 9, 2016
Gregory Youell, Omaha.....	Omaha Area.....	Sept. 9, 2014
Joseph Acierno, Lincoln.....	Acting CEO, Health and Human Services.....	Nonexpiring
Chad Boshart, Lincoln.....	Military Department.....	Nonexpiring
Steven Cobb, Lincoln.....	State Surveyor.....	Nonexpiring
Brenda Decker, Lincoln.....	Chief Information Officer.....	Nonexpiring
Jim Douglas, Lincoln.....	Game and Parks Commission.....	Nonexpiring
Lauren Kintner, Lincoln.....	Governor's Policy Research Office.....	Nonexpiring
Steve Meradith, Lincoln.....	Public Service Commission.....	Nonexpiring
Patrick J. O'Donnell, Lincoln.....	Clerk of the Legislature.....	Nonexpiring
Randy Peters, Lincoln.....	Director, Department of Roads.....	Nonexpiring
Pat Rice, Lincoln.....	Acting Director, Environmental Quality.....	Nonexpiring
David Sankey, Lincoln.....	Superintendent, State Patrol.....	Nonexpiring
Ruth Sorenson, Lincoln.....	Property Tax Administrator.....	Nonexpiring
Jim Schneider, Lincoln.....	Director, Department of Natural Resources.....	Nonexpiring
Vacant.....	UNL Conservation and Survey Division.....	Nonexpiring

Governor’s Residence Advisory Commission

**Contact Person:** Susanne Shore, First Lady, Governor’s Residence, 1425 H St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3466

**Statutory Reference:** 72-2101

The Governor’s Residence Advisory Commission was created in 1998. It conducts an inspection of the governor’s residence in June each year and submits a report to the governor with recommendations for any major maintenance or repair projects.

The governor’s spouse is the commission chairperson. If the governor is unmarried, or if the governor’s spouse is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the governor appoints an at-large member to fill that seat on the commission. Other commission members include the director of the Department of Administrative Services or his or her designee; the Task Force for Building Renewal administrator; two at-large members from each congressional district, with no more than three at-large members from the same political party; the Nebraska State Historical Society director; and an American Society of Interior Designers member. The at-large members and the interior designer are governor-appointed and serve four-year terms. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Leisa Ausdemore, Lincoln .....	Director, Governor’s Residence .....	Ad Hoc
Cora Berry, McCook (R) <sup>3</sup> .....	District 3 .....	May 13, 2018
Karen Heil, Omaha (R) .....	District 2 .....	May 13, 2014
Mary Mancuso, Omaha (D) .....	District 2 .....	May 13, 2014
Jamesena Grimes Moore, Bellevue (D) ..	District 1 .....	May 13, 2018
Marianne Simmons, Fremont (R) .....	District 1 .....	May 13, 2018
Joan Sorensen, Fremont .....	American Society of Interior Designers .....	May 13, 2018
Jolene Ward, Kearney (R) .....	District 3 .....	May 13, 2018
Larry Bare, Lincoln .....	Acting Director, Department of Administrative Services .....	Nonexpiring
Steve Hotovy, Lincoln .....	Task Force for Building Renewal .....	Nonexpiring
Susanne Shore, Omaha .....	Governor’s Spouse .....	Nonexpiring
Michael J. Smith, Lincoln .....	Historical Society .....	Nonexpiring

Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission

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**Statutory Reference:** 72-724

The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission was created in 1961 to officially recognize Nebraskans who have achieved prominence.

Until 1996, the commission named one person to the Nebraska Hall of Fame every two years, except when two people were named in the first two years of the Hall of Fame’s existence, and four people were selected in 1976 in honor of the nation’s bicentennial. Legislation passed in 1998 provides that no more than one person can be added to the Hall of Fame every five years. The legislation also provides that no

<sup>3</sup>Political party affiliation: D=Democrat; R=Republican; I=Independent.

person can be considered for the Hall of Fame until at least 35 years after his or her death. The 1969 Legislature provided that Congressional Medal of Honor recipients with a Nebraska connection become members of the Hall of Fame. Busts of Hall of Fame members, except for Medal of Honor recipients, are displayed in the State Capitol in Lincoln and in other commission-approved locations.<sup>4</sup>

The commission has seven members. Six members are appointed by the governor to six-year terms. Three or fewer members can belong to the same political party. The director of the Nebraska State Historical Society is the seventh member and serves as the commission's secretary. The governor is an ex officio member. The historical society administers the commission's affairs.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Rod Bates, Lincoln (D) <sup>5</sup>	Member	Sept. 14, 2019
Sara Crook, Peru (R)	Member	Sept. 14, 2019
Ron Hull, Lincoln (D)	Member	Sept. 14, 2017
Dennis Mihelich, Omaha (I)	Member	Sept. 14, 2015
Ronald Naugle, Lincoln (D)	Member	Sept. 14, 2015
Jo Ann Smith, Gering (R)	Member	Sept. 14, 2017
Michael J. Smith, Lincoln	Member/Secretary	Nonexpiring
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha	Governor	Ex Officio

## State Highway Commission

**Contact Person:** Sarah Kugler, Administrative Secretary, State Highway Commission, NDOR Communication Division, 1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, phone (402) 479-4871

**Statutory Reference:** 39-1101

The 1953 Legislature created the seven-member State Highway Commission to advise the director on policies to carry out the department's duties and responsibilities. In 1987, the Legislature added another commission member and aligned commission districts to match Department of Roads districts. The commission holds public meetings throughout the state to advise the public of department policies and projects.

Commission members are appointed to six-year terms by the governor with legislative approval. Members represent Nebraska's eight highway commission districts. Each member must be a U.S. citizen, at least 30 years old and a resident of the district he or she represents for three years before appointment. No more than four commission members may be from the same political party. The director is an ex officio member of the commission and votes to break tie votes. Commission members receive \$20 a day for conducting commission business.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Ronald W. Books, North Platte (R)	District 6	Sept. 13, 2019
David Cople, Norfolk (R)	District 3	Sept. 13, 2017
Jerome Fagerland, Atkinson (D)	District 8	Sept. 13, 2019
James H. Kindig, Kenesaw (D)	District 4	Sept. 13, 2017
Doug Leafgreen, Gering (D)	District 5	Sept. 13, 2019

<sup>4</sup>See Pages 70-78 for a listing of Nebraska Hall of Fame members

<sup>5</sup>Political party affiliation: D=Democrat; R=Republican; I=Independent.

E.J. Militti, Jr., Omaha (D).....	District 2 .....	Sept. 13, 2019
Rodney P. Vandenberg, Falls City (R).....	District 1.....	Sept. 13, 2017
Greg Wolford, McCook (R).....	District 7.....	Sept. 13, 2017
Randy Peters, Lincoln.....	State Engineer/Director .....	Ex Officio

Nebraska Information Technology Commission

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**Statutory Reference:** 86-515

The purpose of the commission is to make the state’s investment in information technology infrastructure more accessible and responsive to the needs of its citizens while making government, education, healthcare and other services more efficient and cost-effective. Specific tasks include:

- developing a statewide technology plan
- determining a broad strategy for developing information technology in Nebraska
- adopting guidelines and technical standards
- making recommendations on technology investments to the governor and the Legislature by Nov. 15 of each even-numbered year

• approving grants from the community technology fund and government technology collaboration fund

The NITC has established five councils in the areas of education, communities, e-health, GIS and state government. The purpose of the councils is to identify, prioritize and coordinate user needs. A technical panel reviews any technology project or request for funding and recommends technical standards and guidelines.

The commission has nine members appointed by the governor, with legislative approval, for four-year terms. The governor or his or her designee serves as chairperson. One member represents elementary and secondary education, one represents postsecondary education, one represents communities and five represent the public. Additionally, a member of the Legislature, appointed by the Executive Board, serves as a nonvoting liaison.

Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses. The Office of the Chief Information Officer provides administrative and operational support.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Terry Haack, Bennington.....	Elementary/Secondary Education.....	April 2, 2018
Donna Hammack, Lincoln.....	Public .....	April 2, 2016
Dorest Harvey, Papillion.....	Public .....	April 2, 2018
Randy Meininger, Scottsbluff .....	Communities .....	April 2, 2018
Brad Moline, Imperial.....	Public .....	April 2, 2016
Dan Shundoff, Kearney .....	Public .....	April 2, 2018
Gary Warren, Aurora.....	Public .....	April 2, 2018
Walter Weir, Lincoln .....	Postsecondary Education .....	April 2, 2018
Mike Foley, Lincoln.....	Lieutenant Governor.....	Ex Officio
Sen. Dan Watermeier, Syracuse.....	Legislature.....	Ex Officio



## Nebraska Invasive Species Council

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**Statutory Reference:** 37-1403

The 2012 Legislature created the Nebraska Invasive Species Council with the passage of LB391. The council works to coordinate invasive species management and research throughout the state by:

- developing and periodically updating a statewide adaptive management plan for invasive species
- facilitating the communication, cooperation and coordination of local, state, federal, private and nongovernmental entities for the prevention, control and management of invasive species
- serving as a forum for discussion, identification and understanding of invasive species issues
- assisting with public outreach and awareness

Council members may include up to five at large members as well as representatives of an electric generating utility, the Department of Agriculture, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Forest Service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, Nebraska Weed Control Association and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts.

Representatives of the Midwest Region of the National Park Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Geological Survey and the Nature Conservancy serve as nonvoting, ex officio members. The council meets at the call of the chairperson or upon request of a majority of the members. Members serve without compensation and are not reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Craig Allen, Lincoln.....	Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit .....	Dec. 31, 2016
Mitch Coffin, Lincoln.....	Department of Agriculture.....	Dec. 31, 2014
Brian Crabtree, Aurora.....	Weed Control Association.....	Dec. 31, 2016
Kari Decker, Lincoln.....	Game and Parks Commission .....	Dec. 31, 2014
John Erixson, Lincoln.....	Forest Service .....	Dec. 31, 2016
Shane Greckel, Bloomfield.....	Public Interest .....	Dec. 31, 2014
Gary Hellerich, Valparaiso.....	Public Interest.....	Dec. 31, 2016
Terry Julesgard, Spencer.....	Association of Resources Districts.....	Dec. 31, 2016
Justin King, Columbus.....	Electric Generating Utility .....	Dec. 31, 2016
Van Neidig, Battle Creek.....	Public Interest .....	Dec. 31, 2016
Tom Powers, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln.....	Dec. 31, 2016
Arnie Stuthman, Platte Center.....	Public Interest.....	Dec. 31, 2016
Kim Todd, Lincoln.....	Public Interest.....	Dec. 31, 2016
Chris Helzer, Aurora.....	The Nature Conservancy .....	Ex Officio
Constance Miller, Lincoln.....	Natural Resources Conservation Service.....	Ex Officio
Robert Swanson, Lincoln.....	U.S. Geological Survey Water Science Center.....	Ex Officio
Carmen Thomson, Omaha.....	National Park Service.....	Ex Officio
Vacant .....	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.....	Ex Officio

Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

**Contact Person:** Timothy R. Kenny, Executive Director, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, 200 Commerce Court, 1230 O St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 434-3900, toll-free phone (800) 204-6432, fax (402) 434-3921, website — www.NIFA.org

**Statutory Reference:** 58-226

The 1983 Legislature created the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority as an independent instrumentality by consolidating the Nebraska Mortgage Finance Fund, the Nebraska Agricultural Development Corporation and the Nebraska Development Finance Fund. The authority is authorized to provide:

- home mortgage financing for low- and moderate-income Nebraskans
- financing for affordable rental housing and affordable housing infrastructure
- financing for hospitals and other healthcare facilities
- agricultural financing for first-time farmers
- financing for manufacturing or industrial enterprises, certain nonprofit enterprises, solid waste disposal, wastewater treatment, safe drinking water, public safety communications systems projects and economic impact projects using federal new market tax credits.

The authority is authorized to invest in loans made for the construction, rehabilitation or acquisition of eligible projects and may guarantee certain micro enterprise loans. The authority has no taxing power but is authorized to issue bonds and other obligations for its public purposes. The authority also administers the federal low-income housing tax credit program pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The authority has nine members. The director of the Department of Economic Development, the Nebraska Investment Council chairperson and the director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture serve as ex officio members. These members may designate a representative to perform their duties under the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act.

Six public representatives, two from each congressional district, are appointed by the governor to four-year terms. At least one member each must be experienced in the following areas: real estate development; industrial mortgage credit, commercial credit, agricultural credit or housing mortgage credit; agricultural production; banking or investment banking; home building or be a licensed real estate broker. One member is appointed at large. No more than three public members may belong to the same political party. All authority members must be Nebraska residents. Meetings of the authority are held at least quarterly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Marlin Brabec, Ames .....	Licensed Real Estate Broker, District 1 .....	Jan. 10, 2018
Herb Freeman, Omaha .....	At Large, District 2.....	Jan. 10, 2018
Galen E. Frenzen, Fullerton.....	Agricultural Production, District 3.....	Jan. 10, 2017
Peter Mark Graff, McCook .....	Investment Banking, District 3.....	Jan. 10, 2019
Michael B. Maroney, Omaha .....	Real Estate Development, District 2.....	Jan. 10, 2017
Mary Jo McClurg, Lincoln .....	Housing Mortgage Credit, District 1.....	Jan. 10, 2019
Greg Ibach, Lincoln.....	Director of Agriculture .....	Ex Officio

Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Lincoln.....	Director of	
	Economic Development .....	Ex Officio
Gail Werner-Robertson .....	Investment Council Chair .....	Ex Officio

## Board of Pardons

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**Statutory References:** Nebraska Constitution, Article IV, Section 13; and 83-1,126

The Board of Pardons receives and considers applications for pardons, reprieves, commutations of sentence, and remission of fines and forfeitures. After a pardon has been granted, the board can empower the governor to authorize those pardoned to own and transport firearms.

The 1911 Legislature created the state Prison Board and an advisory board of pardons. The board also served as the advisory board of parole. These boards' functions were merged with the Department of Public Welfare in 1919.

A constitutional amendment adopted in 1920 created a Board of Pardons and designated the governor, secretary of state and attorney general as its members. The 1937 Legislature passed a uniform act for the supervision of Nebraska prisoners paroled in other states.

The 1969 Legislature, pursuant to a constitutional amendment passed in 1968, created a separate Board of Parole.<sup>6</sup> Pardon authority remained with the Board of Pardons.

Member	Position	Elected Office
John A. Gale, Lincoln.....	Secretary.....	Secretary of State
Douglas J. Peterson, Lincoln.....	Member.....	Attorney General
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha.....	Chairman.....	Governor

## Propane Education and Research Council

**Contact Person:** Lynne Schuller, Executive Director, Nebraska Propane Education and Research Council, 301 S. 12th St., Suite 140, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 475-3996, fax (402) 475-3997

**Statutory Reference:** 66-1617

The 1998 Legislature authorized creation of a Nebraska Propane Education and Research Council (NPERC). Nebraska propane retail marketers of propane later established the council by a referendum vote. The purpose of the NPERC is to develop programs and projects that promote the safe, efficient use of propane for consumers; educate the public and industry employees on propane safety; conduct research to improve the safety and efficiency of propane equipment; and support awareness of the uses and environmental advantages of propane. To fund its activities, the council levies a fee on odorized propane sold in the state.

<sup>6</sup>For more information on the Nebraska Board of Parole, see Page 682.

The council consists of nine governor-appointed members, including four representing retail marketers; one representing wholesalers, suppliers and importers; one representing manufacturers and distributors of liquified petroleum gas equipment; one representing the academic or propane research community; one propane user or consumer; and the state fire marshal or his or her designee. Council members serve three-year terms.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Dan Binning, Denver, Colo. ....	Wholesalers/Suppliers/Importers .....	Oct. 29, 2015
Tom Bosshardt, Kearney .....	Propane Users/Consumers .....	Oct. 29, 2017
Carrie Engel, Lincoln .....	Retail Marketers .....	Oct. 29, 2016
Jeff Ingalls, Shelby .....	Retail Marketers .....	Oct. 29, 2015
Neal A. Kanal, Dawson .....	Retail Marketers .....	Oct. 29, 2015
Roger Kreifels, Emerald.....	Retail Marketers .....	Oct. 29, 2016
Rae Ann Lurk, Harvard .....	Academic/Propane Research.....	Oct. 29, 2017
Deborah Myers, Lincoln.....	Equipment Manufacturers .....	Oct. 29, 2016
Jim Heine, Lincoln.....	Acting State Fire Marshal .....	Nonexpiring

## Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

**Contact Person:** LeMoyne Schulz, Highway Local Liaison Coordinator, Nebraska Department of Roads, 1500 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759, phone (402) 479-4436, email address — [lemoyne.schulz@nebraska.gov](mailto:lemoyne.schulz@nebraska.gov), website — [www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/gov-aff-main.html](http://www.transportation.nebraska.gov/gov-aff/gov-aff-main.html)

### **Statutory Reference:** 39-2106

The Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards oversees annual construction planning and fiscal reporting for state and local highways, roads and streets, as well as the application of minimum design, construction and maintenance standards for functional classifications (categories) of public roadways. The standards ensure that each road can safely handle the traffic pattern and volume it is expected to carry, as part of a policy enacted in 1969 to provide for the efficient management, operation and control of an integrated system of state and local highways, roads and streets.

Nebraska counties and municipalities, as well as the Nebraska Department of Roads, must annually file a one- and six-year plan of highway, road and street improvements with the board. Those jurisdictions also must file a standard annual highway, road and street program fiscal report with the board, including (except for NDOR) certification that they have complied with applicable state standards, matching funds and other operations and reporting requirements. The procedure for such annual reports is the joint responsibility of the board and the auditor of public accounts.

The 11 members are appointed by the Governor, subject to legislative approval, to four year terms. Two members represent NDOR. Three members represent counties, with requirements that one be a licensed highway superintendent, that two be county board members, and that one each be from a small, medium or large (population) county. The three municipal members must be either public works directors or licensed street superintendents, and one each must be from a small, medium or large municipality. The other three members are lay members representing each congressional district. The Department of Roads' Liaison Services Section provides administrative support.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Roger A. Figard, Lincoln .....	Municipality over 50,000 residents.....	Nov. 30, 2015
LeRoy G. Gerrard, Stromsburg .....	Class 2 County, Commissioner.....	Nov. 30, 2015
John M. Hynes, Holstein.....	Class 5 County, Supervisor.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Barbara J. Keegan, Alliance.....	Class 3 County, Highway Superintendent.....	Nov. 30, 2017
John F. Krager, III, Omaha .....	District 2, Lay Citizen .....	Nov. 30, 2015
James A. Litchfield, Wakefield.....	Municipality less than 2,500 residents .....	Nov. 30, 2017
Mick Syslo, Lincoln.....	Department of Roads.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Darold E. Tagge, Holdrege .....	District 3, Lay Citizen .....	Nov. 30, 2015
David L. Wacker, Hastings .....	Municipality between 2,500 and 50,000 .....	Nov. 30, 2015
Timothy Weander, Omaha.....	Department of Roads.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Edward R. Wootton, Sr., Bellevue.....	District 1, Lay Citizen .....	Nov. 30, 2017

## Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council

**Contact Person:** Mick Anderson, Director, Nebraska Safety Center, West Center, University of Nebraska Kearney, 1917 W. 24th St., Kearney, NE 68849, phone (308) 865-8256

### **Statutory Reference:** 85-1008

The Nebraska Legislature established the Nebraska Safety Center (NSC) in 1978. The NSC was established to help Nebraskans prevent accidents.

The purpose of NSC is to provide:

- instruction - educational courses and coordinated activities relating to all safety and safety education
- research - leadership in identifying priorities and providing expertise in safety research projects
- service - information and workshop opportunities to all interested individuals
- coordination - articulation for development of a statewide system of teacher preparation in safety education programs

The Nebraska Safety Center has a 21-member statewide advisory council appointed by the University of Nebraska at Kearney chancellor and approved by the university president for 3-year terms. The NSC Advisory Council assists the center in carrying out its purposes and functions.

The council, which meets once a year, makes annual recommendations to the NSC director concerning the center's budget, staff, facilities, equipment and programs. Council members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents
Mary Ann Borgeson, Omaha .....	County Official
Kelly Christensen, Hastings.....	Community Colleges
Janice Eret, Lincoln .....	Department of Education
Kay Farrell, Omaha .....	Nebraska Safety Council
Kathleen Fimple, Omaha.....	Post-Secondary Education
Jim Heine, Lincoln.....	Fire Safety
Bill Hetzler, Omaha .....	Department of Labor
Greg Ibach, Lincoln.....	Agriculture
Larry Johnson, Lincoln .....	Trucking Association
Carol Jorgensen, Elm Creek .....	EMS
Chris Kolb, Grand Island.....	State Patrol

Rod Loos, Ogallala.....	Game & Parks Commission
Michael Offner, Hastings.....	Judiciary
Larry Rilett, Lincoln.....	University of Nebraska
Korinne Tande, Lincoln.....	State College System
Dan Waddle, Lincoln.....	Department of Roads
Fred Zwonechek, Lincoln.....	Highway Safety
Vacant .....	American Red Cross
Vacant .....	Business
Vacant .....	City Government
Vacant .....	Medical Association
Vacant .....	Public Schools

## Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission

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**Statutory Reference:** 81-8,309

The Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission was created by the 2014 Legislature with the passage of LB744 to develop programs and plan for observance of the 150th anniversary of Nebraska statehood in 2017. The commission will work with state agencies to conduct commemorative events and implement educational activities associated with Nebraska's sesquicentennial.

The commission is composed of 17 members appointed by the governor, including individuals from all regions of the state representing all major interests and a diverse array of industries. No more than eight members are affiliated with the same political party. For administrative and budgetary purposes only, the commission is housed within the Nebraska State Historical Society. The commission terminates on June 30, 2018. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Term Expires
Barbara J. Batic, Lexington (R) <sup>7</sup> .....	June 30, 2018
Ann C. Bird, Omaha (D) .....	June 30, 2018
Denise A. Christensen, Kearney (I) .....	June 30, 2018
Sara B. Crook, Peru (R) .....	June 30, 2018
Nancy M. Faber, Elkhorn (D).....	June 30, 2018
Deanna Frankforter, Grand Island (R).....	June 30, 2018
John A. Gale, Lincoln (R) .....	June 30, 2018
Becky Herian, Alliance (R).....	June 30, 2018
Christi Janssen, Omaha (R) .....	June 30, 2018
Donna Kush, Omaha (R).....	June 30, 2018
Frank LaMere, South Sioux City (D) .....	June 30, 2018
Jamesena Grimes Moore, Bellevue (D) .....	June 30, 2018
Dora M. Olivares, Gering (D) .....	June 30, 2018
Marty Ramirez, Lincoln (D) .....	June 30, 2018
John L. Strobe, Jr., Lincoln (D).....	June 30, 2018
Leann Widhalm, Norfolk (D) .....	June 30, 2018
John F. Zimmer V, Lincoln (R) .....	June 30, 2018

<sup>7</sup> Political party affiliation: D=Democrat; R=Republican; I=Independent.

## Suggestion Award Board

**Contact Person:** Nyla Thomsen, Suggestion System Coordinator, Administrative Services, 1526 K St., Ste. 100, Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-4459

**Statutory Reference:** 81-1348

The Suggestion System provides state employees with a means to give suggestions on improving the operations of state government. Cost saving suggestions that are accepted and implemented result in recognition and/or monetary compensation for the employee who submitted the proposal.

Membership on the Suggestion Award Board consists of the Administrative Services state personnel director, auditor of public accounts, director of Administrative Services and three employees from bargaining units selected and appointed by the governor. One or more suggestion system coordinators also are appointed in each agency to act as liaisons between the agency and the board. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

### Member

### Represents

Larry Bare, Lincoln.....	Acting Administrative Services Director
David Brady, Lincoln.....	Engineering, Science and Resource Unit
Charlie Janssen, Fremont.....	Auditor of Public Accounts
Ruth Jones, Lincoln.....	State Personnel Director
Nancy Lyon, Kearney.....	Teachers Unit
Melvin Ramsey, Omaha.....	Examination, Inspection & Licensing Bargaining Unit

## Commission on Uniform State Laws

**Contact Person:** Joanne M. Pepperl, Revisor of Statutes, Room 358, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94604, Lincoln, NE 68509-4604, phone (402) 471-2225

**Statutory Reference:** 49-901

The 1951 Legislature created the Commission on Uniform State Laws. Commission members work with commissioners in all states to formulate uniform laws on specific subjects. State legislatures may enact these laws.

Each commission member must attend National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws meetings and promote uniformity in state laws. The commission reports its transactions and its recommendations for legislation to the clerk of the Legislature. The commission also works to bring uniform judicial interpretation of uniform laws.

Commission members include three lawyers appointed by the governor to four-year terms and the revisor of statutes. The commission also includes Nebraskans who have a long service record in promoting state legislation uniformity. These members are elected life members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The commission meets at least once every two years. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

### Member

### Term Expires

Jill Robb Ackerman, Omaha.....	Aug. 11, 2015
C. Arlen Beam, Lincoln.....	Life Member
Norman Krivosha, Lincoln.....	Life Member

Harvey S. Perlman, Lincoln .....	Life Member
Larry L. Ruth, Lincoln.....	Aug. 11, 2015
Steven Willborn, Lincoln .....	Aug. 11, 2015
Joanne M. Pepperl, Lincoln (Revisor of Statutes) .....	Nonexpiring

Wyuka Cemetery Board of Trustees

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**Statutory Reference:** 12-101

Under Nebraska law, Wyuka Cemetery in Lincoln is a public charitable corporation. The cemetery’s general control and management is vested in a board of trustees. The board can authorize one of its members to sign petitions for improving any streets, alleys, or public ways or grounds abutting cemetery grounds. The board may sue or be sued, contract work and be under contract, and acquire and convey real and personal property.

The cemetery’s board of trustees has five unpaid members, appointed by the governor to six-year terms. The board meets quarterly.

Member	Term Expires
Ron Busch, Lincoln .....	Jan. 1, 2021
Robert Fitzsimmons, Lincoln.....	July 1, 2015
Lloyd Hinkley, Lincoln .....	Jan. 1, 2015
Faye Osborn, Lincoln.....	Jan. 1, 2013
Jeffrey Schumacher, Lincoln.....	Jan. 1, 2017